

The Poverello

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ✠ Detroit, Michigan

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Minister's Letter

FRATERNITY PICNIC JULY 17 AT 1:30PM
SOLANUS CASEY FEAST DAY JULY 30
ST. CHARLES LUNCHEON JULY 31
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION AUGUST 15

Sisters and Brothers,

Summer is here!! We have lots happening during the next couple of months. For starters our Fraternity Picnic is **Sunday July 17 at 1:30pm at the Solanus Center**. Family and friends are invited. This is a great opportunity to invite someone interested in learning more about our Fraternity. **Ron and Sharon Kessler** are managing the picnic fare. Please contact Ron and Sharon for information on what to bring. **There is no Zoom session for July**.

We are finally back at St. Charles Borromeo for Sunday Luncheons. **We will host the luncheon on Sunday July 31**. We will celebrate with the St. Charles community at a **Corporate Mass at 11:30am at St. Charles**. The luncheon follows the mass in the social hall in the basement. Ron and Sharon will have signup sheets at the picnic for luncheon items and opportunities to serve. **St. Charles is located at 1491 Baldwin Street, Detroit, 48214**.

Blessed Solanus Casey Novena begins on Friday July 22. Following is a schedule of the novena times at the Solanus Casey Center. **On Saturday July 23 the theme of the Noon Mass is Blessed be our Secular Franciscans. Please try to attend.**

Friday, July 22

Blessed be our Godly Women

12:00 noon Mass, followed by litany and novena prayer.

Saturday, July 23

Blessed be our Secular Franciscans

12:00 noon Mass, followed by litany and novena prayer.

Sunday, July 24

Blessed be our Sister Earth

12:00 noon Mass, followed by litany and novena prayer.

Monday, July 25

Blessed be our Missionaries

12:00 noon Mass, followed by litany and novena prayer.

Tuesday, July 26

Blessed be our Families

12:00 noon Mass, followed by litany and novena prayer.

Wednesday, July 27

Blessed be our Contemplative Relationship

12:00 noon Mass, followed by litany and novena prayer.

Thursday, July 28

Blessed be our Opposition to Oppression and Persecution

12:00 noon Mass, followed by litany and novena prayer.

Friday, July 29

Blessed be our Hospitality

12:00 noon Mass, followed by litany and novena prayer.

Saturday, July 30

Feast Day

Join us for the celebration of the Feast of Blessed Solanus Casey at St. Bonaventure Chapel with Masses at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 4:00 p.m. Feast Day celebrants TBA.

August 2: Our Lady of the Angels of Porziuncola and its associated indulgence is a way to focus on the importance of Mary and the Franciscan tradition in the Church. In 1216, at the request of St. Francis, the Pope granted special privilege (plenary indulgence – a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins) to all those who would visit the little chapel.

Although limited to noon on August 1st to midnight on August 2nd, the privilege continues to be granted to this day; not only to those who visit the Portiuncula, but to anyone who visits any church where the friars live and minister. To receive this privilege (for yourself or for someone else – living or deceased), in addition to the visit, one must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within several weeks of the feast, go to Mass and receive the Eucharist, recite the Our Father and Apostles Creed, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. More information about the indulgence on page 7.

I will be attending the 20th Quinquennial in Phoenix, Arizona from August 3 -7 and the Divine Mercy Region Minister Meeting in DeWitt from August 12-14. I'm looking forward to both of these events and will share with you the highlights from them at our **Sunday August 21 Gathering**. There will be a Zoom session for our August gathering.

Eucharistic Revival:

The celebration of the Eucharistic Revival on a national level launched on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus—Corpus Christi—June 19, 2022. We begin at an **Archdiocesan level which will give an example for and lead to every Family of Parishes participating in opportunities to encounter Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.**

The parish (Family of Parishes) **Year of Eucharistic Revival will begin on June 11, 2023 and continue through July 17, 2024.**

The Eucharistic Revival will lead to a **National Eucharistic Congress** which will be July 17 - 21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana and July 17, 2024 — Pentecost 2025 will be a Year of Going out on Mission.

Pray for Vocations

Archdiocese of Detroit ordinations since 2012

2012: 3

2013: 3

2014: 7

2015: 5

2016: 5

2017: 5

2018: 3

2019: 3

2020: 5

2021: 3

2022: 0

TOTAL: 42

August 5 First Friday Adoration – Everyone is invited

9:30am	Sidney, Susan Ayoub
10:00am	Joe Quesnelle
11:00am	Mary Myler
Noon	Julia E-Donahue, Ron and Sharon Kessler
1:00pm	Paula Jerzy
2:00pm	Bernadette Mikowski
3:00pm	Eileen Smith

If you are unable to make your appointed time let me know.

REMINDER: White Towel and Socks Collection at our Gatherings for the Capuchin Shower Program.

Final thoughts

A landmark decision was made by the United States Supreme Court on June 24, 2022 with the overturning of Roe v Wade. This decision moves the abortion debate to the states and our elected representatives. This allows both sides of the abortion issue to properly debate and create laws regulating abortion just like other health and welfare laws. “These laws would include respect for and preservation of prenatal life at all stages of development; the protection of maternal health and safety; the elimination of particularly gruesome or barbaric medical procedures; the preservation of the integrity of the medical profession; the mitigation of fetal pain; and the prevention of discrimination on the basis of race, sex or disability,” explained in the decision.

From a moral perspective the CCC 2271 teaches “Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law: You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish. God, the Lord of life has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.”

In the scientific community it is an overwhelming consensus that life begins at conception. It is at that moment the unborn are fully living, genetically unique members of the species Homo sapiens. They might be smaller and less developed, but still human beings. I don't think the question is when is something alive? But more like when do you think the baby's life begins to matter? This is not a scientific question. It really is a choice. Which Homo sapiens deserve to live? Who will decide? Where do you stand?

This continues to be a highly debated issue in the public square. I encourage you to take the issue to prayer and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Study the issue and the Church teachings. Let's do all we can to promote the health and well-being of both the mother and baby. The family is the gift of a healthy society. Jesus was born into a family – the Holy Family. Our model of compassionate and unconditional love.

Peace and Blessings,

Eileen

MEDITATION

Formation Friday

What Makes Secular Franciscans Different from Other Catholics?

This week we look at Our Franciscan Spirituality

Our Franciscan Spirituality—comes from the spirituality of our founder, St. Francis of Assisi. Franciscan spirituality is incarnational, intensely Eucharistic, and penitential. We often hear the words “crib, cross, and Eucharist” when learning about St. Francis’s spirituality. Francis was in awe of the Incarnation, the Kénosis (self-emptying) shown by God in becoming one of us. His devotion to the Incarnation is most obvious in the recreation at Greccio of the birth of Christ. But it goes much deeper. Francis wanted to imitate Jesus perfectly in all things so that he too would become a son of the Father, so much so that he became known as the “mirror of Christ.”

St. Francis’s constant contemplation of the cross is part of his devotion to the Incarnation. Here is God, who was not only born in a lowly manger, but God who was willing to die the worst, most humiliating death possible so that we could spend eternity with him. In order to imitate this death to self, Francis knew that penance and daily conversion (metanoia) were the only way to the Father. As he prayed on Mount La Verna, he asked two things: one, to let him experience the suffering Christ endured on the Holy Cross and two, for him to experience the love in which He did it. Francis’s prayer was granted as he was imprinted with the wounds of Christ in the Stigmata.

And then, the Eucharist. Jesus is physically present with us every day under the appearances of bread and wine. We hear directly from Francis in the First Letter to the Custodians, “With all that is in me and more I beg you that, when it is fitting and you judge it expedient, you humbly beg the clergy to revere above all else the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and His holy names and the written words that sanctify His Body. 3They should hold as precious the chalices, corporals, appointments of the altar, and everything that pertains to the sacrifice. 4If the most holy Body of the Lord is very poorly reserved in any place, let It be placed and locked up in a precious place according to the command of the Church. Let It be carried about with great reverence and administered to others with discernment.”

All of this is wrapped in Sacred Scripture. Francis gives us our spiritual focus. He lived by the words of the Gospel, and we imitate him in our reading and praying of and living out the gospel.

Rule Article 4. “The rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people⁶. Christ, the gift of the Father’s love, is the way to him, the truth into which the Holy Spirit leads us, and the life which he has come to give abundantly⁷.

Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to the gospel⁸.”

Article 5. “Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity. The faith of Saint Francis, who often said “I see nothing bodily of the Most High Son of God in this world except his most holy body and blood”⁹, should be the inspiration and pattern of their eucharistic life.”

Article 8. “As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do¹⁴. Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.”

For discussion or to answer in your journal.

+What is the center of your Franciscan prayer life? How does this compare to Francis’s example?

+After reading the articles of our Rule that talk of our Franciscan spirituality, what might you want to work toward changing or improving how you pray each day?

+The Mass, the Gospel, the Liturgy of the Hours—reflect on how each of these fits into your prayer life. Share (or make note) of how they affect your relationship with Jesus and with others.

SAVE THE DATE – DECEMBER 18 at 2pm – Christmas Concert featuring Santos Alvarez and Amoris Lingua. They are a Hispanic music group that plays at St. Clement in Romeo. They come highly recommended and we have them booked for our Christmas concert. More information to follow in future Poverellos.



From Santos Alvarez:

Since childhood, I have wanted to be a missionary. I dreamed of going throughout the world spreading God’s message of love, truth, hope and joy. I am from Mexico, and while I was there, I went to a private school, run by nuns who help the most needy orphans. There I had a direct encounter with God, and it was there that I understood how much I loved singing, playing music and teaching others about God’s word. Later on, when I left that middle school, I went back to my town where my family was, and there I started a children’s choir. Meanwhile, I also joined more choirs and missionary church groups.

I don’t know why, but while in Mexico, I had always been interested in learning English. I did not realize it was God’s plan that later I would emigrate to the USA.

I continue to serve in the Church here in the US. About 8 years ago, I felt that God wanted me to form a children’s choir here at St Clement of Rome Catholic Church in Romeo. So I spoke with Madre Valeria (Sister Valerie Knoche). She spoke to the pastor, Fr Stephen Reckker, got his permission, and now we have a choir called La Fuerza Del Amor (The Power of Love), which includes children that are just learning to sing and play an instrument. Later, I thought about taking our music beyond the walls of St Clement, evangelizing those who are not coming and attending church events. So, I selected a smaller group of passionate, talented people, with more knowledge about music, to play and sing wherever we are invited. This smaller group is called Amoris Lingua (The Language of Love). The goal is simple: to bring souls to God.

God has given me many gifts and has been so good to me, as he has been to all of his children, each in his own special way. I continue to use those gifts to the best of my ability to spread his message of love, truth, hope and joy.



THE WORD

PORTIUNCULA

means "little portion"
in Italian.

In 1216, in a vision, it was reported that St. Francis obtained from Jesus himself the **Indulgence of the Pardon of Assisi**.

"Lord Jesus, I pray that anyone who enters this little chapel with a contrite heart and has received pardon through the sacrament of confession will surely go to heaven.

And I pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary may intercede on my behalf."

- St. Francis of Assisi

The Blessing of the Portiuncula



Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula is an ancient abandoned church dedicated to the Mother of God, Assisi, Italy; venerated for the apparition of Angels, belonging to the Benedictine monks of Subasio.

The Chapel was restored by St. Francis and is where he founded the Order of the Friars Minor (1209).

The Chapel is situated inside the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels.

SOURCE: COMMUNIO.STBLOGS.ORG

To avail of the Plenary Indulgence of the Portiuncula

- 1 Confess your sins to the priest.
- 2 Attend the Holy Eucharist & receive communion on any of these dates from July 25 until August 10:
- 3 And pray the following prayers:
 - The Apostles Creed
 - Our Father
 - Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

LET US PRAY

O God, Who dost permit us annually to celebrate anew the dedication day of the Little Portion of Our Lady of the Angels: graciously hear the prayers of Thy people and grant that all who enter that chapel or another as representing it, to ask mercy and graces, may rejoice in the plenary answer to their prayers. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.





July

- 1 Daniel Atkinson
- 6 Sophia Cisneros
- 9 Joyce Kaminski
- 11 Anthony Cerroni
- 15 John Gillen
- 22 Chuck Sapien
- 24 Barbara Pardington

August

- 9 Anna Tyler
- 9 Jane Freeman
- 13 Janet Atkinson
- 22 Mary Poole
- 25 Patricia Munafo
- 30.....,.,. Marilyn Ricard
- 30..... Susan Barna Ayoub

Please help to keep our prayer list up-to-date. Call:

Laura Sapien,



Members of our Fraternity

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dan and Jan Atkinson | Esther Kelley |
| Claire Boutain | Mary Krempasky |
| Joyce Brouillette | Ilene Manning & Family |
| Jerry Borycz | Mary Poole |
| Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue | Barbara Pardington |
| Daniel Gabriel | Mary Saber |
| James Hymes | Bridget Schultz |
| Gary Johnson | Ben Stapel |
| Joyce Kaminski | Terry Westbrook-Lienert |

Our Deceased Members

Patricia Long, OFS

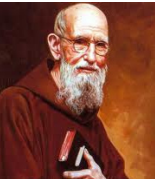
Our Deceased Relatives

Vientia Moore, niece of Doris Allen
 Lolita Allen, niece of Doris Allen

Relatives needing prayers

- Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
- Tiffany Fogg, niece of Daniel Gabriel
- Ron Gray, friend of Melissa Lindow
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
- Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
- David Kaminsky, son of Joyce Kaminsky
- Frances Krempasky, daughter of Mary Krempasky
- Luke, grandson of Mary Krempasky
- Patricia McCleary, mother of Therese Joseph
- Thomas McCleary, brother of Therese Joseph
- Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas Nozewski
- Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
- Karen Plousse, daughter of Joyce Kaminsky
- Therese Pool, mother of Mary
- Jim Smith, grandson of Claire Boutain
- Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
- Sandra Woods Family

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ST. JUNIPERO SERRA BD: Daniel Atkinson	2
3 <i>Pss Proper II</i>	4	5	6 BD: Sophia Cisneros	7	8	9 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Council Meeting BD: Joyce Kaminski
10 <i>Pss Proper III</i>	11 BD: Anthony Cerroni	12	13	14	15 ST. BONAVENTURE BD: John Gillen	16
17 FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M. <i>Pss Proper IV</i>	18	19	20	21	22 BD: Chuck Sopian	23
24 BD: Barbara Pardington <i>Pss Prover I</i> 31 <i>Pss Prover I</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30  BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS OF THE PORTIUNCULA	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 BD: Jane Freeman BD: Anna Tyler	10	11 ST. CLARE OF ASSISI	12	13 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Council Meeting BD: Janet Atkinson
14 FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M. <i>Pss Proper IV</i>	15 ASSUMPTION	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Pss Wk 1</i>	22 BD: Mary Poole	23	24	25 BD: Patricia Munafo	26	27
28 <i>Pss Proper II</i>	29	30 BD: Sue Barna Ayoub BD: Marilyn Ricard	31			

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Ona Moore

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Laura Sapien.....

Caring Hearts

Anna Tyler

JPIC Coordinator:

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MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

Our Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Eileen Smith.....

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE SOCIAL

Wednesdays at 2 PM

FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES

2nd Saturday of each month

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Franciscan Ministries Office next to St. Aloysius
Contact

FRANCISCAN BOOK DISCUSSION

Prior to each of our monthly meetings, from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, a Franciscan Book Discussion group gathers in the Solanus Center Library for anyone interested. For more information, contact:

Jacqueline Hale at

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